

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 were previously cancelled. Claims 35, 36, 51, 52 and 57 are currently amended. Claims 31-34, 37-50, 53-56 and 58 are carried forward. Claim 58 is cancelled, all as follows.

Claims 1-30 (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) A method for changing at least one printing forme at a forme cylinder of a printing press having several forme cylinders each with an associated transfer cylinder including:

- separating said forme cylinder from an associated transfer cylinder for a length of time sufficient to accomplish a change of said printing forme;

- providing at least one printing forme supporting chute;

- moving said at least one printing forme supporting chute from a rest position into a working position against said forme cylinder separated from its associated transfer cylinder;

- providing at least one conveying device adapted for one of picking up a printing forme being removed from said forme cylinder and feeding a printing forme from said chute to said forme cylinder;

- actuating said at least one conveying device;

- aligning said printing forme in said chute in respect to side register with said forme cylinder;

- changing said at least one printing forme during a production run of said printing press;

- providing a central control device assigned to said printing press; and

using said central control device for separating said forme cylinder from said transfer cylinder, for bringing said chute against said forme cylinder; for actuating said conveying device, and for aligning said forme cylinder with said chute by remote control.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further including returning said chute from said working position to said rest position after changing said printing forme by remote control from said central control device.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further including aligning a printing forme to be conveyed to said forme cylinder with respect to side register with said forme cylinder by remote control from said central control device.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further including providing a printing forme holding device on said forme cylinder and actuating said holding device by remote control from said central control device.

35. (Currently Amended) A printing press comprising:

at least a first printing group including a first pair of cylinders rolling off on each other and including a first forme cylinder and a first rubber blanket cylinder, and a second pair of cylinders rolling off on each other and including a second forme cylinder and a second rubber blanket ~~cylindereyliner~~, a material to be printed being passed between said first and second rubber blanket cylinders;

means separating at least one of said first and second forme cylinders from its associated one of said first and second ~~rubber blankettransfer~~ cylinders during a change of a printing forme on said one of said first and second forme cylinder during a production run of said printing press;

a first printing forme supporting chute assigned to said first forme cylinder;
a second printing forme supporting chute assigned to said second forme cylinder;
a work position for each said chute adapted to change a printing forme on said associated one of said first and second forme cylinders and defined by said chute's distance and orientation in respect to an associated one of said forme cylinders;
a rest position for each said chute;
means moving one of said chutes into said work position adjacent said forme cylinder separated from its associated one of said rubber blankettransfer cylinders; and
means moving another of said chutes associated with one of said forme cylinders in production to said rest position.

36. (Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 35 wherein during said change of said one forme cylinder, said rubber blankettransfer cylinder associated with said forme cylinder whose printing forme is being changed is separated from said material to be imprinted.

37. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 35 further including a plurality of said printing groups arranged in a running direction of said material to be printed, each of said plurality of printing groups having one of said first chutes and said second chutes.

38. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 wherein during said production run, said one of said chutes associated with said forme cylinder undergoing a plate change is in said working position and wherein said chutes assigned to forme cylinders in production are in said rest position.

39. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 further including at least five of

said printing groups, wherein during said production operation said first and second chutes of at least four of said at least five printing groups are arranged in said rest position and said first and second chutes of at least one of said at least five printing groups are in said working position.

40. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 35 further including a central control device for said printing press, said central control device being adapted to remotely control said change of said at least one printing forme by causing said one of said chutes engaged in a change of said printing forme to move to said working position and to change said printing forme from said chute.

41. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 40 wherein said central control device is in a control console for said printing press.

42. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 40 further including a conveying device in each said chute and adapted to convey said printing forme into said chute, said conveying device being controlled by said central control device.

43. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 35 further including a printing forme magazine, said chute performing said printing forme change being located in said printing forme magazine, said printing forme magazine being adapted to be brought to said forme cylinder undergoing said printing plate change.

44. (Previously Presented) The printing plate of claim 35 further including at least one additional forme cylinder more than required for said production, one of said chutes being brought to said at least one additional forme cylinder.

45. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 further including at least one additional printing group more than required for said production, one of said chutes being brought to at least one of said forme cylinders of said at least one additional printing group in said work position.

46. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 45 wherein in said at least one additional printing group, one of said chutes is brought into said work position with respect to said first and second forme cylinder of said at least one additional printing group.

47. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 35 wherein said first and second rubber blanket cylinders in each said printing group are arranged substantially above each other.

48. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 wherein said first chute assigned to each said first forme cylinder is above the material to be printed and said second chute assigned to each said second forme cylinder is beneath the material to be printed in each said printing group.

49. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 48 wherein each said chute above the material to be printed can be moved between said working position and said rest position.

50. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 49 wherein in each said position of rest and working, each said chute is arranged at a distance in front of said associated one of said forme cylinders, said distance being less than a length of said printing forme.

51. (Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 35 wherein said first and second rubber blanket cylinders transfer an image to be printed to said material to be printed~~imprinted~~ and wherein said material is a paper web.

52. (Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 37 wherein said rubber blanket cylinder of each said printing groups transfer a print image of different colored printing ink to the material to be printed~~imprinted~~.

53. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 35 wherein each said printing forme has several print image positions.

54. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 53 wherein said several print image positions are different.

55. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 35 further including a separate drive mechanism for each said forme cylinder and each said rubber blanket cylinder.

56. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 further including at least five said printing groups, said first chute and said second chute of at least four of said at least five printing groups being in said rest position, a first chute and a second chute of at least one of said at least five printing groups being in said work position.

57. (Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 39 wherein each said rubber blanket cylinder associated with one of said forme cylinders having one of said chutes in said work position is separated from said material to be printed~~imprinted~~.

58. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 35 wherein each of said chutes is adapted to allow removal of a printing forme removed from a respective one of said printing formes from a side of said chute.

59. (Cancelled)